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Identical letters dated 16 September 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I wish to convey to you the following:

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic has consistently sought to convey to the President of the Security Council and the Secretary-General the abundant information it has regarding the parties who are actually responsible for the terrorist attacks being committed in Syria. Such attacks include the explosions that have occurred in several Syrian cities and the destruction by armed terrorist groups of the private and public property of the Syrian people.

In our past letters to you, we explained that a number of States and extremist organizations, namely, Al-Qaida and *takfirist*, *salafist* and Wahhabi movements, are behind the armed terrorist groups that are striving to destroy Syria. Those groups never cease to declare that they are responsible for the killing of innocent civilians, the destruction of infrastructure such as schools, power transmission lines and factories, as well as Government buildings and private property, with a view to establishing a foothold from which they can move into other parts of the world to carry out their destructive agenda. It is therefore regrettable that the Government of Turkey, which has claimed for many years to be combating terrorism, has all the while been supporting the above-mentioned terrorist organizations, and opening its airports and borders with Syria to them, so that they can carry out their terrorist operations against the Syrian people. Such an action is a flagrant violation of international law and the rules governing good neighbourliness, and a denial of the universality of the responsibility to counter terrorism. The Turkish Government has allowed thousands of murderous Al-Qaida, *takfirist* and *salafist* terrorists to enter Syria and perpetrate their crimes, killing innocent Syrians, blowing up their property and dismembering their bodies, and to spread anarchy and destruction in Syria.

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The Turkish Government is not content with hosting, funding and providing arms to organizations hostile to Syria that come from Arab and other countries. It has also established camps to train, receive and shelter terrorists. A member of the opposition in the Turkish parliament said the displaced persons that the Turkish authorities claim to be hosting in camps it had built prior to the start of the events in Syria are recently formed groups of religious fighters. He wondered what guarantee there was that these fighters would not take up arms against Turkey some day. In recent months, the international media have reported that the Turkish Government, in particular, has received hundreds of tons of weapons from Libya and other countries, as well as from terrorist merchants and brokers, and conveyed them to Al-Qaida members and jihadists in Syria. Such actions are in stark violation of relevant Security Council resolutions. Moreover, the competent Syrian authorities have found Turkish weapons in the possession of terrorists and criminal gangs in Syria.

Syria calls on the Security Council and its specialized committees to follow up immediately on this alarming and no longer secret information that has been published by several international media organizations, including *The Sunday Times* on 14 September 2012, and is known to several States members of the Security Council, in order to put an end to these violations by terrorists and punish those who perpetrate, fund and support such actions, because these violations constitute a direct threat to the lives of innocent Syrian citizens and to regional security and peace. Continued silence in the face of these crimes and the immoral alliances between Turkey and some influential States members of the Security Council, as well as Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Libya, which are sending shipments of weapons to Syria's neighbours and funding the terrorists and their massacre of the Syrian people, constitutes support for terrorism and the funding thereof, fans the flames of hatred and is incitation to killing and terrorism in the Syrian Arab Republic. Syria cautions those international and regional actors against continuing their support for international terrorism because their actions may backfire on them.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 106 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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